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ABOUT SB/SCAP

The mission of the DEQ's non-regulatory Small Business Assistance Program is to provide technical assistance to small businesses and small communities and municipalities in complying with state and federal environmental regulations.

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Announcing DEQ's Underground Storage Tanks Training Sessions for Year 2006

Date	Location	Time
Feb. 22, 2006	La. Technical College-Lafayette	8-12N Room 607
Mar. 14, 2006	La. Technical College-Shreveport	8-12Noon Bldg.E Auditorium
Apr. 18, 2006	DEQ-Baton Rouge	1-5pm Natchez Room
May 17, 2006	DEQ-Lake Charles	8-12Noon Conference Room
June 22, 2006	Delgado Comm. College-Kenner	1-5pm Suite 1A
June 29, 2006	Delgado Comm. College-Kenner	1-5pm Suite 1A
July 18, 2006	La. Technical College-W. Monroe	8-12Noon Admin. Bldg.
Aug. 15, 2006	DEQ-Baton Rouge	1-5pm Oliver Pollock Room
Sept. 20, 2006	Delgado Comm. College-Kenner	1-5pm Suite 1A
Sept. 27, 2006	Delgado Comm. College-Kenner	1-5pm Suite 1A
Oct. 26, 2006	La. Technical College-Lafayette	8-12pm Room 607
Nov. 14, 2006	La. Technical College-Alexandria	8-12pm Career Center
Dec. 12, 2006	DEQ-Lake Charles	1-5pm Conference Room

NOTE: To register for these sessions, call: Lourdes Iturralde 225-219-3713, or Toni Evans 225-219-3719. There is no fee charged for attending these training sessions.

EPA Exempts Area Sources from Title V Permitting

by Larry C. Lashley, P.E., Environmental Chemical Specialist, Northwest Regional Office

On December 9, 2005, the EPA issued a final rule permanently exempting from the Title V operating permit program the following small facilities: dry cleaners, halogenated solvent degreasers, chrome electroplaters, ethylene oxide (EO) sterilizers and secondary aluminum smelters. The EPA did not exempt small facilities operating secondary lead smelters. The EPA defines small facilities as an "area source" that emits less than 10 tons per year of a single toxic air pollutant or fewer than 25 tons of a combination of such air pollutants. The EPA noted that large or "major" sources in these categories, those that emit more than 10 or 25 tons of toxic air pollutants, will still require the Title V permit.

For the EPA FACT Sheet go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5/factsheets/asourceexempt.html>. To download the text of the rulemaking action, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5pfpr.html>.



Rita's Challenge - Cameron Small Businesses Answer the Call

by T. Markle Farber, Environmental Chemical Specialist, Southwest Regional Office

Hurricane Rita totally disrupted lives and occupations in Cameron Parish. Cameron Parish looked like a war zone and was nearly wiped out. Smaller surrounding communities such as Creole and Holly Beach were completely destroyed. Rita's more than 17 ft storm surge and Category 3 winds left more than 90 percent of the buildings destroyed or structurally unsound. Businesses were totally shut down. But, in typical fashion, the people of Cameron Parish exercised their drive and independent spirit, rolled up their sleeves and got to work restoring their parish.

With a daunting task ahead them, several small businesses took initiative in the recovery effort and utilized their land, equipment, and personnel for staging, trucking, and processing the volumes of debris left by Rita. Some of these businesses still serviced their industrial customers who were cleaning up and rebuilding in order to restart the extremely vital oil production market.

Businesses, state agencies, individuals and relief organizations, working as a team, will rebuild Cameron Parish. DEQ has had a constant presence in the area, evaluating debris staging/processing locations, verifying responsible environmental compliance and attending progress and public informational meetings. SB/SCAP has offered help and expertise to those businesses that need it and a helping hand to their neighbors. To keep track of the clean up and rebuilding of Cameron Parish, visit the web at www.cameronrecovery.com.



Public Records Request Form Online

The following link connects to the DEQ Public Records Online application for records request: <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/prr/RequestForm.aspx>. On this application there is information to obtain free records for hurricane Katrina/Rita affected companies requesting help on records reconstruction/recovery.

REMINDERS OF REPORTS DUE:

January 28 - Annual, Semi-annual, & Quarterly Discharge Monitor Reports

February 22 - UST Training, Lafayette, 8-12Noon, to register, call: 225-219-3713

March 1 - Hazardous Waste Annual Report; Tier II Report due

March 14 - UST Training, Shreveport, 8-12Noon, to register, call: 225-219-3713.

March 31 - Annual Emission Inventory (EI) Report due

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